

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the paragraph beginning with the first line of the specification (see Preliminary Amendment (Claims) filed 07/19/01, page 2), after '1999,' please insert –now US Patent No. 6,291,048—.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

3. Applicant's amendment filed August 27, 2007, has been entered. Claims 1 and 22 have been amended as requested. Claims 2-21 and 27-31 have been cancelled. Thus, the pending claims are 1 and 22-26.

4. Said amendment is sufficient to withdraw the prior art rejection of claims 1 and 22-26 as set forth in section 6 of the last Office Action (Non-Final Rejection mailed 06/01/07).

Specifically, applicant has deleted the recitation to the adhesive material consisting essentially of a blend of ethylene methyl acrylate and metallocene based polyethylenes.

5. An updated search of the prior art has produced no new art for which to base a rejection upon. However, the art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

6. Therefore, claims 1 and 22-26 are allowed.

7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheryl Juska whose telephone number is 571-272-1477. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 10am-6pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena Dye can be reached at

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571-272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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